



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	May 16, 2007	Interpretation	06-001
Topic	Outpatient ambulatory surgical centers,		
Code Section(s)	304.1 and 308.1		
Requested by	Steve Bunting, Fire Marshal Newport Beach Fire Department		

***1. What is the proper occupancy group classification for outpatient ambulatory surgical centers, with more than 5 patients, when the facility has planned overnight stays?***

Health Facilities where medical care is provided to more than 6 nonambulatory patients for a 24 hour stay or longer are classified as Group I Division 1.1 Occupancy.

***2. What is the proper occupancy group classification for outpatient ambulatory surgical centers, with 5 patients or less, when the facility has planned overnight stays?***

Over night stays of 24 hours or longer are not permitted in outpatient medical clinics defined as, Group B, CBC Section 304.1

## State Fire Marshal Interpretation Comments

Code Interpretation Committee	
Code Interpretation 06-001	
Date	December 22, 2005
Summary	<b>CBC 304.1 and 308.1 H&amp;S 1250.</b> <b>H &amp; S 1250:</b> As used in this chapter, "health facility" means any facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer.  <b>CBC 304.1:</b> B Occupancy = 5 or less patients  <b>CBC 308.1; I.1.2</b> = more than 5 patients  <b>Note:</b> CBC 308.1 A discrepancy exist in the code where an I-1 health care facility has only 6 patients.

Division Chief Review	
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